[Mr. M. N. Pillai.]

Loss of Salt to Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar.

74. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of salt belonging to Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar and other salt licensees lost during the recent floods;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the salt was allowed to remain on the platform for about nine months or so, though Mr. Karayalar and other licensees frequently applied to Government for the removal thereof;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Excise Commissioner condemned the salt as being unfit for human consumption; and

(*d*) whether, when Government finally ordered the acceptance of the salt, the flood washed it away before its removal?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The quantity of salt belonging to Mr. Karayalar lost during the recent floods was 1,11,390 maunds. The quantity lost by the other licensees was 2,23,662 maunds.

(*b*) The usual procedure is for the licensees to remove salt from the ridges to the drying platform, and after drying it there, to get it weighed and stored on the storage platforms under the supervision of the department. Such stored salt is subsequently removed in the order of the date of manufacture. The salt lost in the cyclone was the balance of the salt manufactured in 1097 and in the Purattasi *Pani* of 1098. If by removal from the storage platform the member means the removal of the share of salt due to Government after accepting it from the licensees, it has to be stated that Government are not bound to accept and remove the share due to them sooner than they need it for sale or transport, and as a matter of fact, no licensee except Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar applied for such acceptance and removal. His request was not granted, because, firstly, he did not comply with the rules in regard to storage, and secondly, because the salt was not required immediately for sale or transport.

(*c*) and (*d*) The answer is in the negative.

Purchase of Patent Medicines.

75. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amounts spent on the purchase of patent medicines during the years 1097 and 1098;

(*b*) the names and quantities of patent medicines purchased; and

(*c*) the hospitals, dispensaries and other institutions to which these patent medicines were distributed, together with the names and quantities of the medicines so distributed?

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MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 1097 ... Rs. 371
1098 ... Rs. 244.

(*b*) Statements * furnishing the information required by the member are laid on the table.

(*c*) These are not ordinarily issued to hospitals and dispensaries open to the public.

Salt License Agreement between Government and the Cape Comorin Traffic Company.

76. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*):

(*a*) Was the salt license agreement between the Government and the Cape Comorin Traffic Company revised in 1096 or 1097?

(*b*) Was the *kudivila* rate increased thereby? If so, what is the increase and what are the reasons for the same?

(*c*) Have similar privileges been extended to any other salt licensees, and if so, to whom?

(*d*) Has the above company agreed to construct a bund? If not, what steps have been taken to enforce the terms of the agreement?

(*e*) Has the failure of the company in not executing this work contributed in any way to the recent destruction of salt in the adjoining *alloms* in the cyclone of Vrischikam, 1098?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The agreement with the company was not revised in 1096 or 1097. But in 1095, the company was given the privilege of selling, on payment of the duty and cess due to Government, the excess salt in their factory over and above the 50,000 maunds due to Government annually, on condition that they completed within three years certain works which were necessary for the development of their factory. After the three years the quantity of salt to be delivered was fixed at 75,000 maunds a year instead of 50,000 maunds. The three years' time granted to the company expired by the end of 1098. But the company applied for a further extension of time as the floods of Vrischikam 1098 had caused great damage to the works already executed in the factory. On the recommendation of the Excise Commissioner, the company has been given a further extension of one year's time till the end of 1099 to complete the above works.

(*b*) The *kudivila* rate has not been increased.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) The company has agreed to construct a bund on the western side of its factory.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

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* *Vide* Appendix I A and B—page 340.

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Appendix I A.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 75.**

List of Patent Medicines purchased in 1097.

Names of Patent Medicines.	Total quantity purchased.		Total quantity expended.
Adaline Tablets ...	Vials.	2	2
Cactina Pillets ...	Vial.	1	1
Elliman's Embrocation ...	Bottle.	1	1
Elixir Aletris Co. ...	do.	4	4
Sulphur Bitters ...	do.	1	1
Syrup, Grimault's ..	do.	47	15
Zam-Buk ...	Tins.	3	3
Aletris Cordial ...	Bottle.	1	1
Almateine ...	do.	1	1
Celerina ...	do.	1	1
Gripe water ...	do.	1	1
Phosphodyne, Lallor's ...	do.	1	Nil.
Taka Diastase Liquid ...	do.	8	2
Antiphlogestine ...	Tins.	76	9

Appendix I B.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 75.**

List of Patent Medicines purchased in 1098.

Names of Patent Medicines.	Total quantity purchased.		Total quantity expended.
Celerina ...	Bottles.	6	Nil.
Elixir Aletris Co. ...	do.	21	21
Eno's Fruit Salt ...	do.	12	8
Lactagol ...	do.	3	3
Manola ...	do.	3	3
Phosphodyne, Lallor's ...	do.	1	2
Tablet Taka Diastase ...	do.	1	1
Taka Diastase Liquid ...	do.	12	3
Iodine Vasogen ...	lb.	1	½
Antiphlogestine ...	Tins.	12	17

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